

**LAKEFRONT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025 – 4:30 P.M**

**6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd.  
New Orleans, LA 70126**

**PRESENT:**     Commissioner Stan Brien – Vice Chair  
                 Commissioner Randy Odinet  
                 Commissioner Stan Cohn  
                 Commissioner Terry Scott

**ABSENT:**     Commissioner Sandra Thomas – Chair

**STAFF:**       Louis Capo – Executive Director  
                 Vanessa McKee – Assistant to the Executive Director  
                 Kel Brownfield – LMA Human Resources  
                 Laetoya Black – LMA Contracts and Grant Reviewer

**ALSO  
PRESENT:**     NO PUBLIC

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The regular monthly Recreation Committee meeting of the Lakefront Management Authority was held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 4:30 PM at the Lakefront Terminal Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126 after due notice of the meeting was sent to each board member, the news media, and posted.

- I.     **Called to Order at 4:32 PM.**
- II.    **Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Vanessa McKee.**
- III.   **Roll Called by Mr. Capo. (3) members present quorum established.**
- IV.   **Opening Comments – Vice-Chair Brien - NO COMMENTS.**
- V.     **Motion to Adopt Agenda**

A motion was offered by **Commissioner Scott** and seconded by **Commissioner Cohn**.

Hearing no questions or comments, Vice-Chair Brien called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passed.

VI. **Public Comments** – Limited to (2) Minutes NO COMMENTS

VII. **Director's Report**

**Mr. Capo** reported the following:

- We have removed the dead cypress trees near the Lighthouse Condos. We are also looking for grants to plant new trees in the same area.
- Maintenance has done a great job replacing the wood benches and tables along Lakeshore Drive.
- Both Lake Terrace and Mardi Gras fountains are working
- We are looking for grants to replace the play spots.

**Commissioner Scott** asked if there was any liability associated with the play spots. He also asked if the liability insurance went down once the play spots were removed.

**Mr. Capo** said he would bring up the question with our insurance agent at the upcoming insurance committee meeting.

**Commissioner Cohn** asked for a ballpark figure to restore the play spots.

**Mr. Capo** said approximately \$60,000 each.

**Commissioner Cohn** suggested finding grants or maybe sponsors to restore the play areas.

**Vice-Chair Brien** asked if shelter #1 still floods.

**Mr. Capo** does not flood there unless the water is blown in from the lake.

## **VIII. New Business**

- 1. Motion to recommend approval of a contract with Employment Development Services, Inc. for trash pick-up six days per week on Lakeshore Drive for Fiscal Year 2025, commencing on July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.**

**A motion was offered by Commissioner Scott and seconded by Commissioner Cohn.**

**Commissioner Cohn** commented that he sees their work on his morning walks. They are doing a great job and they really take pride in their work.

**Vice-Chair Brien** echoed Commissioner Cohn's statement.

**Mr. Capo** mentioned that the workers are invited every year to receive a certificate for their work.

**With no questions or comments, Vice-Chair Brien called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion was passed.**

- 2. Motion to recommend approval of a contract with Employment Development Services, Inc. to empty trash receptacles and pick up trash in areas immediately around the trash receptacles in the New Basin Canal Park for Fiscal Year 2025, commencing on July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.**

**A motion was offered by Commissioner Scott and seconded by Commissioner Cohn.**

**Mr. Capo** added that they pick up trash from Ponchartrain Blvd. down to West End Blvd.

- EDS is going up \$2 from \$45 to \$47 per day.**

**With no questions or comments, Vice-Chair Brien called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion was passed.**

3. Motion to recommend approval of a contract with Employment Development Services, Inc. for debris and trash pick-up services for LMA Special Events on Lakeshore Drive for Fiscal Year 2025, commencing on July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Cohn and seconded by Commissioner Scott.

Mr. Capo explained to the committee that the Special Events are:

- Easter (3) days
- Mother's Day (3) days
  - o Increased number of workers
  - o With increased trash cans
  - o Enhanced pick up

Commissioner Cohn asked who picks up for events like the Chicken Fest.

Mr. Capo said that the promoter is responsible for picking up trash.

With no questions or comments, Vice-Chair Brien called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion was passed.

Vice-Chair Brien announced the next meeting and called for adjournment.

- IX. Announcement of the Next Recreation Committee Meeting
  - a. Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 4:30 PM

- X. Adjourn

A motion was offered by Commissioner Cohn and seconded by Commissioner T. Scott.

Hearing no comments or questions, Vice-Chair Brien called for a vote. All were in favor. The motion passes,

The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.